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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Ellington, *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/666,870 EXAMINER: Jon D. Epperson, Ph.D.
FILING DATE: September 20, 2000 ART UNIT: 1639
FOR: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING ALLOSTERICALLY REGULATED
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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the January 29, 2003 Office Action (Paper No. 18) in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before May 29, 2003. This application is now entitled to small entity status. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees necessary, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-301B.

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